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I am appealing to you to focus on the impacts the timber industry and industrial forestry practices put on the southern forests under your jurisdiction. We stand at a crossroads as to whether our forests are going to be filled with "one species plantations" where chemicals are used that harm wildlife and mankind (the chemicals do not just disappear but go somewhere!) OR an area of biodiversity where man can go to get away from the stresses of life, where wildlife can flourish, where plants and trees are as nature intended, and where life-giving oxygen is given back to the planet.

Why encourage landowners near the forest to tree farm and why do petition the heads in government to require that companies use recycled paper rather than virgin timber. Increase the fees for use of the national forest to offset some of the money lost from timber sales--although, once the "forest" is "lost" to man's tampering, there is no price that can be paid to bring it back with all it's biodiversity and with nature's checks and balances. Look to all the areas that man has destroyed already in the name of "progress"!!!

Thank you for your time and attention. YOU CAN SPEAK FOR THE WILDLIFE AND THE FOREST AS THEY HAVE NO VOICE TO DEFEND THEMSELVES.

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